

JOYCHURCH

## Lead Pastor Transition Announcement Letter (2022)

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Hello Joy Church Family! We wanted to reach out to you personally as the Joy Church Medford Eldership board with exciting news and updates concerning the hopeful future of our local church.

Pastor Steve & Kim have faithfully led our local congregation for the last 40+ years. From the vision in Pastor Steve's heart to be a church planter, to their first service 40 years ago, all the way to our thriving local church and global Joy Church Movement we have today, they have faithfully led us!

We wanted to share with you the exciting news that Pastor Steve and Kim will be transitioning out of the role of Senior Pastors and into the role of Pastors of Global Expansion. As you are aware, we as a church family have the vision to plant Joy Churches all around the world. We have already begun to expand our vision of Joy Church Planting with campuses across the PNW, Mexico, missionaries around the world, and many more Joy Churches to come. Pastor Steve & Kim will be pivotal in the next season of all the Lord will do in seeing the continued growth and expansion of the Joy Church movement to the nations of the earth.

Pastor Steve & Kim will still be planted members and leaders within Joy Church Medford as the home base for operations and expansions within the Joy Church movement.

As we celebrate the growth and expansion of the Joy Church Movement, we are also filled with confident joy and expectation for the future of our local church, Joy Church Medford!

We believe the best, brightest, and most fruitful days are ahead and not behind for Joy Medford. In the days ahead, we expect great growth and expansion as we continue to see the Kingdom of God advance in our city and to the nations of the earth.

We as the Joy Church Elders are in unanimous agreement of prayerfully supporting Pastor Riley and Natalie Aman as the new *Lead Pastors of Joy Church Medford*. We have spent the last year in prayer, fasting, and seeking the mind of the Lord for the future of our church family. We have the utmost confidence that Pastors Riley and Natalie are the Lord's chosen leaders for this significant hour in our church's history and our future.

As co-leaders, Natalie & Riley will take on certain and specific leadership responsibilities and work as a team to lead our elders, staff & church family into the next chapter. More about that will be shared in the coming days.

Over the next 9 months, we will be in the process of transitioning the Pastoral leadership roles, and our official transition will be Sunday, March 19th, 2023.

We have never been more excited, expectant, and filled with hope for all the Lord has in store for us as a church family. As we seek to see Joy Church Medford thrive as a vibrant, fruitful, world-class local church, we are excited to see our global movement expand to the nations!

We are praying for each of you who are a part of our Joy Church Family that the Lord will be with us, lead and guide us, and give us grace through this transition.

We are confident that the Lord Jesus is building His church and the gates of Hell will not be able to stand against it!

“And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” (Matthew 16:18 ESV)

We are praying that the Lord will build His house and watch over us in this exciting season!

“Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.” (Psalm 127:1 ESV)

We are confident that the Lord will do exceedingly and abundantly above all that we can ask, think, or imagine for His glory and our good!

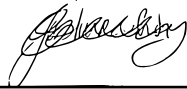
“Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.” (Ephesians 3:20-21 ESV)

We are praying for you and the future of our church family! Blessings from your Joy Church Medford Elders.

In Christ,



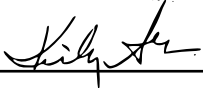
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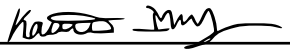
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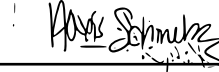
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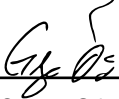
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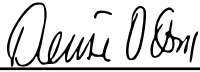
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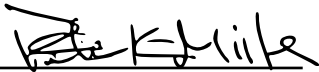
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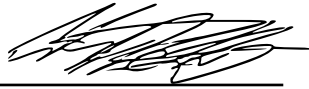
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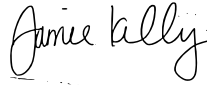
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